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A Snap for Mr. Ludgate.

Friends at Ottawa and Victoria Secure Him Against Law's Delays.

Mr. Martin's Tactics Outwit His Colleagues in Provincial Executive.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, May 8.—Those Chicago capitalists who want to build a sawmill on Deadman's island have found an easy way of dealing with the authorities in Canada, and pass right over obstacles that would stop ordinary citizens. Upon receipt of news that the provincial government had formally taken possession of the island, Mr. Maxwell, M. P., who secured the lease for Mr. Ludgate at Ottawa, wired that gentleman to go ahead and build the mill and the government would see him through. This course would put Mr. Ludgate in defiance of the provincial authority, and of that exercised by the city in placing him under arrest for trespassing on what the corporation claimed as their property.

Acting on Mr. Maxwell's telegram, Mr. Ludgate took 50 men to the island this morning and was accompanied by Ald. McPhadden and Brown, the former a federal government employee (shipping master). On their arrival they were met by the one policeman representing the provincial government, who on seeing the odds against him, eased his conscience by exclaiming: "What can I do? I can't do nothing," after which he took Mr. Ludgate's advice and went away, leaving him in possession. Ald. McPhadden then seized an axe and chopped down the first tree, and the workmen followed suit.

Attorney-General Martin and Mayor Gardner were soon placed in possession of the facts. The mayor claimed that Mr. Ludgate had, contrary to his promise, stolen a march on the city, and he would now leave the matter in the hands of the province. The timber inspector, who seized the island for the province, wrote Attorney-General Martin, asking for instructions. Mr. Martin replied that he would attend to the matter personally. Mr. Martin visited the island and advised Mr. Ludgate to cut down no more trees, but he saw no objection, he said, to burning up the brush. Mr. Ludgate then discharged all but 12 men, and continued burning brush. Mr. Martin said he would wire Mr. Maxwell to see Dr. Borden, the minister, and get him to wire what the federal government was going to do about the matter.

Mr. Ludgate, on being interviewed, said in effect: "I hope there will be no opposition, for some of my workmen have been long out of work, and I cannot answer for the consequences. I am now waiting for a reply from Ottawa to Mr. Martin's message. I am not going to quit. I have got possession and am going to keep possession and build the mill."

Frank Burnett, chairman of the citizens' committee, said that another mass meeting would be called to invite volunteers to help Mr. Ludgate resist any attempt to take the island from him by force.

PYTHIAN GRAND LODGE.
Annual Convention to Open in This City This Morning—Entertainments.

The annual convention of the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias of British Columbia opens in this city this morning at 10 in the Pythian hall. Most of the delegates arrived on Sunday evening and spent yesterday renewing old and making new acquaintances. It is expected that the business will occupy the attention of the members all day today, this evening and tomorrow morning. To-morrow afternoon it is proposed to show them the city and district, returning in time for the banquet in the evening.

Of the visiting brethren, the Dominion Hotel has a large proportion, including Grand Chancellor James Haddow of Nanaimo, Grand Vice Chancellor W. D. Morris of Vancouver, Master-at-Arms J. L. Brown of Kamloops, Grand Inner Guard H. V. Gould of Vernon, Supreme Representative H. J. Anslee of Vancouver, Supreme Representative T. Ackerman of New Westminster, Past Grand Chancellor J. H. Evans of Vancouver, and the following representatives: G. D. Brown, Kamloops; A. H. Ferguson, New Westminster; H. Hoffmeyer, Vancouver; G. Allan, Revelstoke; G. W. De Beck, Vancouver, and Robert R. De Beck, Vancouver; M. Binnis, Trail; A. Greenham and A. W. Graham, Rossland; John McDonald, Langley; C. S. Nelson, New Denver, and Robert F. Brooks, Vancouver.

At the Victoria fair Nanaimo contingent is found, headed by Chief of Police James Crossan, and including Robert Rivers, George Johnson, W. G. Simpson and J. P. Struthers of Nanaimo, with D. Griffith from the neighboring town of Wellington.

A fancy dress ball for children and young people will be given in aid of the Y. W. C. A. by Mrs. Dickinson's pupils at the Assembly hall on Friday, May 12. Pupils of the private classes and former pupils are cordially invited. Spectators, pupils and ladies, 50 cents; parents accompanying pupils, three tickets for \$1; gentlemen, \$1.

Mr. Gowen's Visit.—Before leaving, the Rev. H. H. Gowen desires to express his thanks for the great courtesy extended to him by the Rev. W. Leslie Clay and the board of the Presbyterian church in lending them their lecture room for his course of lectures lately delivered in this city. Mr. Gowen expressed himself as charmed with his visit to Victoria, and hopes to pay us another visit of a like nature in the future.

Regular Meeting.—The regular monthly meeting of the J. B. A. A. will be held this evening, when several new members will be elected.

PERSONAL.
W. R. Robertson, M. P. P., of Cowichan, was in the city yesterday making arrangements for a trip East.

George McDonald, fuel agent of the C. P. R., spent Sunday and Monday in the East.

Ernest Hall returned on Sunday from the East.

Henry Croft and wife have left for San Francisco.

G. C. Hinton left on Saturday evening for the East, to purchase the electrical machinery for Messrs. Dunsuir's mines.

NEWSPAPER EXCURSION.
Canadian Press Association to Visit the Coast in August.

Winnipeg, May 8.—It is announced that the Canadian Press Association will give an excursion this year from Toronto to the Pacific coast over the C. P. R., lasting twenty to twenty-five days. Arrangements have just been concluded between a committee of the association and the C. P. R. authorities at Montreal, and include two excursions, or rather provide an alternative of an excursion to Winnipeg and return for those who cannot go all the way to the Coast.

There will be side trips to Rossland and other points, and stops will be made at Winnipeg, Brandon, Calgary, Banff, Vancouver and Victoria. Returning, the C. P. R. steamship line will be taken from Port Arthur to Owen Sound. The excursion will start some time towards the end of July.

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The Board Of Aldermen.

**President McKinley Declines the
Invitation to Visit
Victoria.**

**Offer to Reclaim James Bay
Flats in Exchange for
Lease.**

At the regular weekly meeting of the aldermanic board last evening a reply to the council's invitation was read from the secretary of state at Washington, regretting that President McKinley would be unable to visit Victoria during his approaching visit to the Coast. As it was not expected that the president would be in a position to accept the invitation, the answer created no surprise.

An invitation was read from the mayor and council of Nanaimo, asking their Victoria conferees to celebrate the Queen's Birthday at the Coal city. An explanation will be forwarded, stating Victoria also will celebrate, at the same time accepting the invitation with thanks.

The local management of the street railway company wrote in connection with the Fort street track, pointing out several reasons why the track should not be removed to the centre of the street. New points will be required for the curve into Fort street from Government, and it would be impossible to secure these inside of three months. Also the double track on Government street would have to be shortened, and in many ways it would delay the paving of Fort street for some months. A special committee will look into these matters and report as soon as possible.

The secretary, on behalf of the Aberdeen Association of Victoria, wrote, asking for the use of a room at the city hall, or in the Market building, the room at present in use in the Government building being required for other uses, and stating that in making this request they were acting as the branches in other cities had done. The matter was left in the hands of the mayor to deal with.

W. H. Lomas, the Indian agent at Qualicum, called attention to the question of the state of the road on the local Indian reserve, and asked if the council wished to give up all control of this thoroughfare, they having at various times stated that it did not belong to the city.

In order to give Victoria a stronger "grip" on the right of thoroughfare, it was proposed by Alderman Williams that some money be spent in mending the road. This was seconded by Alderman Stewart, but His Worship thought that the question should be referred to the city solicitor to find out what rights of their ever losing it was very small.

The matter was referred to the city solicitor and city engineer.

Grease & Grease wrote on behalf of clients, pointing out that the sidewalk near the Market hall had not been repaired for nearly fifteen years, and badly needed fixing. This was received and filed, and a letter from a Chinese firm referring to the same thing was read. This latter was referred to the city engineer for a report as to cost.

J. E. Painter complained of the open drain on Pine street, Victoria West, and asked that the same be boxed in. The street, too, during the wet weather, was absolutely impassable.

Alderman Beckwith said this and some other streets in a similar condition should be the subject of investigation on the part of a special committee, as they needed immediate attention.

Alderman Kinsman stated that the trouble was to get gravel in Victoria West. The street had been graded, but now needed graveling.

A special committee will report on the cost of doing this work, and also on the matter of securing gravel in that suburb of the city.

J. G. Tiarks, on behalf of E. Dewdney, wished to know what steps had been taken with reference to the drain which had been asked for to carry off the water from the residence of the latter. A report from the city engineer will be asked as to cost.

Thomas D. Gold, the secretary of the lately held meeting in Victoria West, enclosed the resolutions passed at that meeting.

This communication was laid on the table.

Henry Croft wrote as follows:

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Victoria.

Gentlemen—I have been requested by clients of mine to ask the corporation of the city of Victoria whether, providing my clients reclaim the area of Victoria harbor known as James Bay flats, and being to the east of James Bay bridge, to erect a new bridge across the flats, the corporation of the city of Victoria will grant them a lease of the area so reclaimed for a term of years, the bridge to become the property of the city of Victoria as soon as same is erected and the land reclaimed.

If you desire that I should meet you, in order to explain matters more fully I shall be pleased to do so after the 18th inst., as I shall be out of town till then, I remain

Yours truly,

HENRY CROFT.

The mayor thought that any scheme which would save the city an expenditure

of \$200,000 should be looked into. This received the assent of the board, and was laid on the table.

John Stevens offered to supply sand and gravel cheaper than was now supplied by the railway to the waterworks at the Elk Lake works. The city engineer will look into the matter and report.

The Sylvester Feed company, as tenants of the city, asked that the corporation repaint the front of their stores in the Market hall. A report from the city engineer will look into the matter and report.

The following report from the city engineer was then taken up:

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit the following report for your consideration:

Pembroke street ditch, I beg to submit the following alternative scheme for the drainage of this district: That the present 9-inch pipe be continued down Pembroke street to connect with a 10-inch pipe laid from Pembroke street on the line of the proposed street to Queen's avenue; thence westerly by means of a box drain to connect with existing ditch at Queen's avenue and Quadra street. The pipe drain would be part of the permanent system. Estimated cost, \$750.

I would respectfully recommend that an 8-inch pipe be laid on the north side of Port street, from Government street to Wharf street, to take the place of the present box drain, which is now beyond repair, and which at present allows the surface water to flow under the sidewalk, estimated cost, \$110.

As it is the intention of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company to put in the siding on Work street before the 24th, I would respectfully recommend that Work street be graded from Turner street to Point Ellice bridge, so as to allow of sufficient room for vehicular traffic; estimated cost, \$553.

The permanent sidewalk on Store and Fisgard streets in front of new block, including granite curb; estimated cost, \$780.

The city carpenter reports the following sidewalks being worn out and requiring renewing: North Park street, north side, from Quadra street easterly, 1,337x6 feet, estimated cost \$260; Pioneer street, north side, from Blanchard street to Quadra street, 380x8, feet estimated cost, \$96; View street, north side, from Blanchard to Quadra street, 615x6 feet, estimated cost \$120; Johnson street, north side, from Cook to George street, distance 600x8 feet, estimated cost \$117; Pandora avenue, north side, from Blanchard to Quadra street, 560x10 feet, estimated cost \$160; Quadra street, east side, from View street southward, a distance of 160x8 feet, estimated cost, \$88.

Respectfully submitted,
E. E. COUSINS,
Acting City Engineer.

The Pembroke street pipe drain, it was decided to carry out as suggested, as also that on Port street. The grading of Work street and the permanent sidewalk on Store and Fisgard street were likewise ordered to be carried out.

On the question of repairs to sidewalks there was a little difference of opinion, but after some discussion they were all passed.

The city engineer reported that he had inspected the city bridges, and stated that with the exception of some slight repairs that they were all safe or ordinary traffic.

Alderman Hayward thought that the bridges should be made capable of standing any kind of street traffic. The report was accepted.

The same official reported that it was advisable to put in foundations for the port at the Beaver lake reservoir, while the present work were being done. This would enable the council to erect a roof which would have to be built sooner or later.

Alderman Stewart was ready to take the opinion of Rudolf Hering and other experts that a roof was necessary, and the foundations should be put in while it could be done economically. The engineer was instructed to have the foundation put in as he suggested, and also the supports for the roof, and to prepare an estimate of the cost of the roof itself.

The city assessor returned the assessment roll for the year, showing the following:

Land \$10,840,480
Improvement 6,210,530
Total \$17,051,010

The water commissioner reported that the cost of running a pipe to the residence of Mrs. Blake would be \$535.77. This was received and the applicant informed that the amount is too large to permit of the work being carried out at present.

E. C. Johnson, the market superintendent, reported the rents of that building for the month of April amounted to \$78.95.

A. G. McCandless and D. E. Campbell offered, if the city would supply the pipe to lay a 30-inch sewer to connect with the drain under the Hotel Victoria, and cover same in. This would continue the drain past the rear of the new building about to be erected by those gentlemen on Johnson street. The offer was accepted.

Frank Campbell and 27 others, asked attention to the obstructions on Government street opposite the old Heathorn building, the same being a detriment to the businesses of the petitioners. The city engineer will be instructed to enforce the regulations.

In connection with the Sorby scheme the committee on preliminary investigation sent in a resolution asking for \$600 for Mr. Sorby's visit to Ottawa in the committee deemed it advisable to send that gentleman to the federal capital.

In explanation Ald. Hayward stated that the idea was that it was a well-known fact that the Dominion government had not spent here anything like the amount they received from the province, and the government were beginning to see matters in this light, and it was thought that if Mr. Sorby had a chance to go into the matter of harbor improvements with the authorities at Ottawa, it was more than likely that

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that at the request of Messrs. WM. TUFTS & SON, TEA IMPORTERS, Vancouver, we have counted the COUPONS returned to them during the month of APRIL last, in their "STAR OF INDIA" Tea Competition from the following tea companies, and the amounts respectively, and determine that the SILVER TEA SERVICE PRIZES be awarded as follows—Estimates by the undermentioned parties of the number of coupons returned from their respective cities, being correct or nearest to the correct number so returned:

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VICTORIA WINNER MRS. WM. JOHNS
WESTMINSTER WINNER H. BRUCE, ESQ.
NANAIMO WINNER MRS. J. N. DONALDSON
(Signed)

M. P. MORRIS,
M. H. SINCLAIR.

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they would see that it was their duty to take hold of the matter and help the city.

His Worship, as one of the committee, said it was proposed to ask the government to pass a law this session to create the harbor commission a body corporate. It had been the practice of the government to contribute \$10,000 annually for the improvement of the harbor, and it was now proposed that five years vote, or \$50,000, be given in a sum towards starting the project. Also if the government guarantee was secured, the money necessary could be borrowed at a much lower rate of interest. If the city had a man on the spot to urge the claims of the scheme, much good might be done.

Ald. Beckwith—"Mr. Sorby can be relied upon to stir them up." (Laughter). The mayor, continuing, said that some who had at first gone on the committee with ideas adverse to the scheme had changed their minds, and the more they looked into it the more impressed were they with its feasibility.

In answer to Ald. Williams, several of the resolutions of the committee were read, one of which from the engineering committee, stating that for \$400 boring could be done to estimate the amount of rock likely to be encountered, and also that a portion of the plant for this purpose could be borrowed from Mr. Roy, the Dominion government engineer.

Ald. MacGregor did not think that the council could do better than send the formulator of the scheme to Ottawa, as he could give a better idea of the matter than any one else. The money would be well spent, and Mr. Sorby should be sent at once. So far it had been proved beyond a doubt that the thing was likely to be a success, and if Mr. Sorby was sent at once it was probable that the government would undertake part of the preliminary work.

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The chief of the fire department wrote advising the acceptance by the council of the new fire engine recently purchased from the Waterloo Engine Company, the tests having proved satisfactory. The report was received and the engine ordered to be accepted.

The committee appointed to look into the matter reported that the wash-house on the corner of Pioneer and Blanchard streets was an eyesore and an injury to the property in the neighborhood, and asking that a by-law be passed to enable the council to abate the nuisance. This report was adopted.

A court of revision and a board of equalization was ordered to be held on the 12th June.

Ald. Humphrey's motion that applications be received for the situation of sanitary officer and plumbing inspector at \$80 per month was then read.

Ald. Stewart thought that \$90 was little enough for a first-class man, and if the city wanted good men they would have to pay for them, and he moved to make the salary \$90.

Ald. MacGregor seconded and was of the same opinion. Provision had been made for the salary at \$90 for the current year. On the vote the amendment was lost, and the salary will be \$80 per month.

In connection with the new sewer on Frederick street, Ald. Brydon said that it had been discovered that nearly all the appropriations for this work would go to bring the sewer to the corner of Frederick street—there being no sewer on Quadra street at present.

Ald. Humphrey brought up the matter of an inmate of the Old Men's Home who had been granted "leave of absence" in order to fill a situation. He also brought up the matter of the hock stand on Yates street on the north side and said it was a great nuisance.

Ald. Beckwith didn't think that the locality was a proper place for a hock stand. The alderman also referred to the matter of the brass goods ordered some time ago, which had not yet been received, although a month overdue. The water commissioner had been compelled to go outside in order to purchase some of the articles.

This having exhausted the docket, the council adjourned.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

Illustrated Lecture on Mammoths Found on the North Pacific Coast.

One of the largest meetings of the Natural History Society this season was held last evening in their rooms. The chief feature of the proceedings was an illustrated lecture on the mammoth remains on the North Pacific coast. Line-light views were furnished by Mr. Fleming of Fleming Bros., from illustrations supplied to him by Dr. Newcombe, the lecturer of the evening. These included a geological map of the North American continent, showing the glaciated areas, a map of a portion of the southwestern part of British Columbia and adjacent coast, showing in red the points where mammoth remains had been found, and illustrations showing local specimens, also a number of others from other countries for purposes of comparison. Dr. Newcombe also exhibited a colored chart illustrating various geological ages from the lower cretaceous up to and including the glacial, with the characteristic and leading forms of life peculiar to each. The mammoth appeared just at the end of the pliocene or beginning of the ice age, and was contemporaneous with man. The remains of neither are found previous. The mastodon, which a great many confuse with the mammoth, preceded the latter and was his ancestor. It is not generally known that mammoth remains have been found frequently and are comparatively plentiful on the southern end of Vancouver Island and adjacent islands and coasts, these being almost exclusively teeth, though a few tusks and other bones have also been found, specimens of which were exhibited. The great mammoth field of remains, however, was in Northwestern Alaska and within the Arctic circle. Altogether the lecture, which will be continued at a subsequent meeting, was of great interest and scientific value, there being too much detail to be reported within small compass of space. Votes of thanks were tendered to Dr. Newcombe and Mr. Fleming.

The other feature of interest in connection with the evening's programme were reports by Dr. Kirker and Mr. Sylvester on the results of last Saturday's expedition to the cairns near the Naval hospital. Four were opened, but in only two were remains found, and these fragmentary. What was of special value in connection was the evident great age revealed, in several instances roots of great trees having grown through the remains and absorbed them. Another expedition will take place next Saturday to Cadboro Bay.

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THE FERRY TO VANCOUVER.

We print this morning the proposal submitted to the Committee of Fifty, and at the request of the sub-committee, by Mr. James Dunsmuir, vice-president of the E. & N. Railway company. The proposal contemplates a subsidy of \$700,000 in cash, but the company would hand over to the city a valuable piece of property. The city would be expected to secure a portion of the Songhees reserve for the railway company. The offer contemplates a bridge across the entrance of the harbor to the outer wharf.

Mr. Dunsmuir says that the cost of establishing the ferry will be more than double the amount of subsidy asked. The service which he undertakes to give will be excellent. It does not contemplate the bringing of passenger cars to the city from Vancouver, as we have supposed it did.

No proposition of equal importance to this has ever been placed before the people of Victoria. We hope it will receive full discussion, and the Colonist's columns are at the disposal of any persons who desire to treat it from a strictly business basis. We ask all correspondents, or as many of them as feel like it, to sign their letters with their own names.

RAILWAY CHARTERS.

The granting of a charter by the Dominion Parliament to a company to build a railway on Vancouver Island, on the plea that it is a work for the general advantage of Canada, directs attention to the whole question of railway charters.

Under the B. N. A. act, parliament has a right to enact any laws that may be necessary for the peace, order and good government of Canada, to legislate on all subjects that are for the general advantage of the Dominion. The power to decide what is for the general advantage of Canada is held to be vested in parliament, that is, the courts have nothing to say about it.

There are local railways all over the country which have been declared to be works for the general advantage of Canada, and have, therefore, been chartered by the federal parliament.

The practice of acquiring jurisdiction by a declaration of this kind is almost as old as confederation, and has the sanction of both political parties. As far as we have been able to see, no special harm has resulted from it. Yet it is very clear that the exercise of this power may conflict with the provincial jurisdiction to deal with property and civil rights and with provincial ownership and control of crown lands within the jurisdictions of the several governments. To a certain extent the claim may be fairly made that the conferring of a legislative right carries with it whatever degree of authority may be necessary for its exercise. Hence parliament may have the power to legislate in regard to property and civil rights to such an extent as may be necessary to enable it to authorize construction of railways which are "for the general advantage of Canada." We are not asserting that this is the case, for we are not aware if the point has ever been finally decided by the courts, but the position is one in support of which strong argument can be made. This does not touch the matter of the crown lands. If the Parliament of Canada has a right to give a railway company authority to take possession of a right of way over crown lands, and if such right gives the company a title to the right of way, by a parity of reasoning it might be held that parliament might, by declaring it to be for the general advantage of Canada that certain provincial crown lands should be given as subsidy, divest the province of a part of its property. We do not say that the courts would not draw a distinction between a right of way and a subsidy, and while upholding the one nullify the other, but it might

be difficult sometimes to know just where to draw the line.

This matter is of immediate importance, because during the present session of parliament several applications will be made for charters to construct railway through British Columbia, and nearly all of them will mean the entry of the several corporations upon provincial crown lands and the occupation of a very considerable area, as well as the cutting down of much timber belonging to the province. It would be well, therefore, to have some understanding as to how far the powers of parliament go in this direction. We concede that it is desirable that the right to authorize the construction of railways for the general advantage of the Dominion ought to vest in parliament, for it would be very unwise to permit any one province to declare that a line should not be built across its territory to unite two other provinces, or give an interior province an access to the coast. Our point is only that there should be an understanding as to how far the powers of parliament go, and at what stage it is necessary to obtain the concurrence of the local legislatures.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

Many requests have come to the Colonist for information about the Pacific cable, the inquirers thinking, not unnaturally, that this paper must have some facts in its possession regarding the project, or it would not have expressed any approval of the offer of a portion of the cost by the local government.

The cable has received much consideration in a general way from the press of this province, and we think the opinion expressed has been unanimously in favor of it.

It is true that the suggestion was never made that the province should become a party to the construction of the cable until a few days ago, the endorsement being of an enterprise to be undertaken by certain Australian colonies, New Zealand, Canada and the Mother Country. The people of British Columbia may be taken as committed to the desirability of constructing a cable under an agreement between the governments named, and as prepared to support the proposition that they, as a portion of the population of the Dominion, shall be called upon to bear their share of the cost. All this does not touch the proposal that the province shall assume a part in the enterprise. It only renders unnecessary any argument that such a cable is desirable.

Is action by this province necessary in order that the cable may be secured? We do not know that it is. If it is not, so much the better, for it is not advisable that the province should engage in business undertakings of any kind, even if they are likely to be a source of profit.

But let it be supposed that in order to secure the cable, British Columbia must take some such step as has been proposed, what are its merits?

A number of tenders have been received for the construction of the cable, the highest

which involves the maintenance of the cable for three years—being in round numbers \$9,000,000. Of this cost it is proposed that the several governments shall contribute in certain proportions, retaining a proportionate ownership. The interest on the cost, if the money was raised by the several governments acting in unison and with an Imperial guarantee, would be not to exceed \$225,000 a year, without making any allowance for sinking fund. This is allowing 2½ per cent. for interest. If British Columbia assumed one-ninth, her share would be \$25,000 a year for interest.

What would be the probable revenue? The present cable business from Australia amounts to nearly 3,000,000 words a year. The last statement was for 1897, of upwards of 2,300,000 words, and the rate of increase was such that the number must have swelled to nearly if not quite 3,000,000 by this time. This is over 8,000 words a day. Assuming that no new business would be developed, it is not unreasonable to suppose that the Pacific cable would secure a certain proportion of the current business.

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it is reasonable to suppose that a portion, at least, of the Imperial government's business would be sent by the new line. Business to and from all American points would naturally seek this route.

It does not seem unreasonable to assume that taking into consideration the governmental business referred to, the American business, and such portion of the business with Great Britain as would seek an alternative line, which if it did not compete in price would do so in efficiency of service, 25 per cent. of the business now done would seek the Pacific cable. This is 750,000 words a year, which is Sir Sandford Fleming's estimate of the probable first year's business. He thinks the business would stand a tariff of 75 cents per word. If so, this would give a revenue from the outset of \$502,500 a year, or \$337,500 over and above the interest. The operating expenses are of course small in comparison to the receipts.

A question has been raised as to the right of the province to deal with the matter at all. Undoubtedly the government cannot bind the province to any such arrangement. There may be some doubt as to the authority of the legislature in the premises, but if the house expressed a desire to possess such a power, the British parliament would readily pass the necessary legislation. We are far from urging that the province ought to take hold of the matter in any event. Indeed, if an additional one-ninth must be assumed by a Cana-

dian government, the Dominion government ought to bear it. But if the Dominion will not do so, and the Imperial government will not do what was anticipated, are the people of British Columbia content that the matter shall drop? This is the form the question will take, if the proposition of the provincial government is entertained at all by the other parties to the agreement.

SOME POSSIBLE VISITORS.

The United States Press Association is to meet in Portland in July. We are not aware what its plans are, but an intimation, more or less official, has been given out that they would accept an invitation to visit Victoria. It would, therefore, be well to extend the invitation. No expense would be involved.

The Tramway company would, we suppose, repeat their courtesy of last year towards the visiting press associations,

and direct that the association badge would entitle persons to free transportation on the street cars, and the Quadra

would doubtless be available for a trip to Esquimalt. A few people would have to give up a part of a day to the visitors,

but His Worship the Mayor is always at his post on such occasions, and a sufficient number of volunteer assistants can always easily be got.

We are also likely to have a visit from representative newspaper men of Eastern Canada. Particulars of that visit will be available later, if it is decided upon. There are reasons why the reception of a Canadian party ought to be a somewhat more elaborate scale than one to our United States friends. The latter will come chiefly on pleasure;

the object of the former will be to learn something about the province, and an effort ought to be made to see that they are brought as closely in touch as possible with public opinion here.

There will be more to be said on this matter when we know positively that our Eastern friends are to visit us.

The illness of the Duke of York will cause some anxiety owing to his known general physical weakness.

The Deadman's Island plot thickens, and Attorney General Martin's position becomes daily more indefensible.

A Dawson letter says that the estimate of \$20,000,000 as the gold output may be doubled when the wash-up is completed.

The Colonist is asked to mention that an important meeting of the Queen's Birthday finance committee will be held to-night, at which all the appropriations must be settled upon, and therefore that a full meeting is very desirable.

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The Kaslo Board of Trade asked the

government to spend \$10,000 on a road

from the head of navigation on the Duncan river to the mines on Hill Creek, a distance of fourteen miles. The

Premier admits the great importance of the road, but says the government cannot

spend any money on it. Commenting on this, the Kootenay says that the man

who is not prepared to provide funds for

such necessary public works has no right

to take the position of premier, a proposi-

tion to which we heartily assent.

Facility for transportation is the one

great need of interior British Columbia,

and the government has made a serious

error in not asking the legislature for

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PASSING COMMENT.

The Toronto Telegram speaks of Victoria as a city that is asleep six days a week. The Telegram is a base slanderer.

The Columbian says the people of the lower Fraser would be greatly pleased at the establishment of a better connection between Vancouver Island and the Mainland.

The Vancouver World gives the heartiest kind of support to the proposal for a railway ferry to the Island. The World realizes that there will be business enough upon this coast for both British Columbia's chief cities.

The News-Advertiser is heartily in favor of the proposed improvement in the connection with Vancouver. About the only opposition, in fact, is the more or less veiled hostility of the Times, which seems to think the proposed ferry a part of line to Alberni.

The citizens are reminded that the voting on the debt consolidation by-law takes place on Wednesday. It means a saving of \$4,000 a year. We suppose there will be no serious opposition to the by-law, but as nothing is certain in such matters, we hope everyone will turn out and vote.

The Times says it was the duty of the Colonist to attack Mr. Pooley for going into court as the representative of a "pampered" corporation. The so-called pampered corporation is the E. & N. railway company. The dictionary defines "pamper" to mean "to treat luxuriously, to indulge with rich food or with luxurious ease and comfort, to gratify to the full with whatever delights, or ministers to ease and luxurious living." Now will the Times explain how, even figuratively, this definition can be applied to the company in question?

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Good meals can be got at the Quamichan hotel for 25 cents by those going with Onions & Plimley's excursion to Duncan's on Sunday next, May 9.

In New Quarters.—Mr. W. F. Best has removed his Assay Office and Chemical Laboratory to more commodious quarters in the Williams Building, No. 28 Broad street.

Notice the full line of hair, nail and cloth brushes in our windows this week. The very best at the lowest price. F. W. Fawcett & Co., 49 Government St.

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Aprons! Aprons! Children's and fancy pinapores, ladies' kitchen and other aprons at St. John's fancy fair—A. O. U. W. hall, Yates street, May 10.

A. Y. W. C. T. U. Date.—The Y. W. C. T. U. will meet to-morrow afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Foreman, Stanley avenue. A large attendance of the members is requested, as considerable business is to be brought before the meeting.

Floating in the Harbor.—Yesterday morning the badly decomposed body of a man was found floating in Esquimalt harbor, near H. M. S. Phœnix. The provincial police were notified, but it was entirely out of the question to identify it; the face was entirely eaten away, and even the clothes were torn to tatters. There were some papers in the pockets, but the writing was entirely obliterated. Again the trouble caused by Attorney-General Martin's now famous order to coroners has arisen. No doctor can give a certificate of death, and Dr. Crompton will not hold an inquest without an order from the Attorney-General.

In Two Divisions.—C. E. Dickinson, Robert S. Day, H. M. Grahame, B. S. Heisterman and J. G. Elliott returned from the Mainland on Sunday, where they had been attending the annual meeting of the British Columbia Fire Underwriters' Association. Mr. J. G. Thompson, manager of the Lancashire Insurance Co., also came down by the steamer and is registered at the Driard. The meeting was held for the purpose of re-organizing the board of the province, making one division for the Mainland and another for the Island. This plan would save much trouble, and it is believed would work equally as well as the present system. The framing of a constitution for the different divisions,

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and occupied the entire attention of the meeting.

Press Gallery.—The contract for the erection of a press gallery in the legislative assembly hall has been awarded to Messrs. Muirhead & Mann. The work will be carried out under the supervision of Mr. Rattenbury.

Death's Hand.—May, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Ely, of Fairford road, died yesterday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Noble, of Oswego street, are also mourning the loss of their infant son. The funerals will take place this afternoon.

Stand Over.—A summons charging C. P. LePage with an infraction of section 179 of the code in circulating immoral literature, issued on the information of Detective Perdue, was called in the police court yesterday and remanded until the 10th.

Vancouver Drill Hall.—Tenders are being called by the department of public works, Ottawa, for the erection of a drill hall at Vancouver. The plans and specifications can be seen at the office of Mr. Henderson, clerk of works in this city, or at the post office inspector's office, Vancouver.

Fishing Was Popular.—Possibly less than half as many cyclists took advantage of the second of the Onions & Plimley excursions to Duncan's as were present on the former trip. Those who did take the day up the line were, however, blessed with a delightful morning and afternoon, and excellent fishing at both Shawanigan and Koksoak. One basket of 30 fine fish claims the honor of top liner.

A Pretty Festival.—Very many of the friends of the Royal Jubilee hospital were present for the "flower service" held at that institution on Sunday afternoon, the contributions of the ladies also being so numerous and so choice as to amply evidence the interest taken by all members of the affiliated societies of the hospital. The service was conducted by Rev. H. H. Gowen, and the flowers are now performing their part of cheering the wards and sick rooms.

A Preliminary Conference.—Mr. Joseph R. Roy, resident engineer in British Columbia for the Dominion government, had a preliminary conference yesterday morning with the engineering sub-committee of the commission of investigation of the Sorby harbor improvement scheme. As a result of the interview, it was decided to ask Mr. Roy to report upon the plan in its entirety, and also to apply to the city for an appropriation of \$400 to meet the expense of the necessary borings.

Women's Council.—The Council of Women met yesterday afternoon at the city hall. Amongst other business was a report from the committee on women's work in connection with the Paris exposition, which is now waiting for letters from Mr. Scott, the commissioner for British Columbia. Mrs. Beaven and Miss Crease were elected vice-presidents of the council in the place of Mrs. Angus and Mrs. Jenkins, resigned. The new constitution of the Friendly Help was laid before the council and was passed after a somewhat lengthy and full discussion.

At His Old Tricks.—Thanks to the energetic work of Sergeant Hawton, it is probable that the last has been heard for a few months at all events, of the chicken thieves who latterly have been causing trouble to housekeepers of the north end. Ever since the robberies on the Cedar Hill road, the Sergeant has had a watchful eye on Ah Fook, a Chinaman who on previous occasions has displayed a penchant for feathered stock. He was arrested on Sunday, several chickens that he had disposed of to a Chinese restauranteur being identified as the spoil of a robbery at Mrs. Agnew's. There was no chance for a defence, and in view of the prisoner's former record—a bad one—a sentence of five months' imprisonment was imposed.

Methodist Missions.—The annual conference of the Methodist missionaries engaged in the work among the Indian tribes came to a close yesterday—although the list of business was still far from exhausted. Prior to the conclusion of yesterday's session, a recommendation was sent to the general board of missions that these gatherings be held annually (the present was largely in the nature of an experiment) for the purpose of bringing the workers together from the various fields of activity to compare notes and devise methods of the most advantage to the Christian crusade. Much time was spent yesterday in consideration of the place and value of native missions, while four native members of the church in the North were granted certificates to baptize and to administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper—David McKay of the Naas, Patrick Russ of Kitslosh, Louis Grey of Kitzequala, and George Edgar of Hythes. The conference closed without any material changes having been recommended in the stationing of the missionaries, the decision being reached to bring the unfinished business before the church conference which opens at Nanaimo to-day.

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**Mr. Dunsmuir's
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New Bridge Across Harbor and Present Terminal Given to City.

The railway division of the Committee of Fifty yesterday had an interview with Mr. James Dunsmuir, vice-president of the E. & N. Railway Co., in respect to his proposition to give Victoria railway and ferry connection with the Mainland. After the conference the committee decided to make Mr. Dunsmuir's proposal public, and it is given below. The result of the conference and other information that the committee have will be embodied in a report to be presented on Friday evening. Mr. Dunsmuir's proposal follows:

Victoria, May 1, 1899.
North Shakespeare, Esq., Chairman Citizens' Railway Committee, Victoria, B. C.:
Dear Sir,—In response to your request of my committee regarding better communication with the Mainland and a railway connection with the Canadian Pacific, I beg to submit, on behalf of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company, the following proposition for the consideration of your committee:

This company will undertake to maintain and operate a steam freight and passenger ferry between Vancouver and a point on the line of this railway most suitable for connection with the Canadian Pacific railway, transferring freight to and from Victoria in the original cars.

This service would be first-class in every particular; freight would be handled promptly; outgoing and incoming freight would be delivered at its destination in a much better condition than is now possible owing to the handling in making transhipments. On all through freight there would be a saving of 50 cents per ton wharfage, both in and out, or \$1 per ton, thus placing merchants and mill owners on an equal footing in competing with the Mainland.

Regarding passenger service, it is proposed to make two round trips daily for six days per week, in approximately three and one-half hours, between Victoria and Vancouver. One day each week the service would require to be made by a relief steamer, which would necessarily be a slower, although a satisfactory, service, making one round trip on the day referred to. This would tend to increase to some considerable extent local and through travel, and at a considerable saving, as passengers so wishing may make the round trip within the day without being put to the expense of remaining away from business longer than necessary; also the expense of berths is considerably to those who make the round trip frequently. Two mails per day are also a great advantage, and, as a matter of fact, such a service would in every way lessen the difficulties Victoria has through force of circumstances been compelled to labor under.

The cost of maintaining and operating such a service would be very expensive, and although it is anticipated that the volume of business would materially increase, it would take some years to make the route self-supporting, provided the present schedule of rates is not increased, which is not contemplated.

The first outlay would require a large amount of capital to make suitable facilities at Vancouver and at a point on this railway for the transferring of cars, steam ferry, relief steamer, additional railway equipment, erection of suitable terminal buildings at Victoria, including station, freight sheds, shops, etc., by the employment of a much larger staff and also a large expenditure on the railway to place it and keep it in the necessary condition to maintain with safety such a fast service.

In order to do this it would be necessary for the citizens of the city of Victoria to secure that portion of the Indian reserve lying to the south and west of the railway line, and situated between said railway line and the foreshore of Victoria harbor, consisting of some 19 acres and conveying same to the railway company for the use of terminal grounds, and obtain permission from the proper authorities to allow this company to erect a suitable bridge across the harbor from said Indian reserve to a point at or near the Quays wharf, which bridge would be fitted with the most modern machinery, opened and closed by an electric plant, and would not in any way interrupt steamer traffic to and from the inner harbor; this bridge would also be made suitable for vehicles and passengers and used as a public thoroughfare; it would also be necessary to have the above properties, together with improvements thereon, made exempt from taxation for a period of 15 years; and also a cash subsidy of seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000).

Provided this is arranged, this company will undertake the carrying out of the above service, and will also come to the city of Victoria the present terminal ground of this company at Victoria, together with the bridge across the harbor, provided such bridge and sufficient property be made into a public thoroughfare for vehicles and foot passengers and maintained and kept in good condition.

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would require the outlay of approximately double the amount of the subsidy asked and in so much as the service would be operated at loss for some years, we consider our request is well within the mark. But as this company's interests on the Island are considerable, and it would appear to us essential that railway communication be had, and also the only connection that will afford our merchants the service they want, namely, to the interior of British Columbia, is with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, prompts us to make the above proposal, which, we trust, will meet with the approval of your committee and citizens generally. We remain, yours very truly,

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PROVINCIAL NEWS

On Monday of last week a serious accident happened to George Fourcault, brakeman on the Arrowhead line. It was shortly after the arrival of the regular morning passenger train from Revelstoke at Arrowhead. While making a coupling between two cars, Fourcault's head got caught between them, with the result that his jaw was broken and several severe scalp wounds were sustained. It is also feared that the skull is injured. One result of the accident was the immediate loss of sight. The engine, which was on the turn-table, was at once hooked on to the caboose and the injured man was brought back to Revelstoke and conveyed to the hospital.

The C.P.R. are showing great enterprise in improving the tourist attractions of the Rocky mountains. Among other works to be put in hand this season for the purpose of making the best mountain scenery available to tourists, Mr. Killeen, roadmaster at Field, has instructions to bridge the Kickling Horse river at Field, construct a good trail to Emerald lake and put the trails of the Fossil Beds and the Natural Bridge in first-class shape. Field is an attractive spot for the mountaineer, affording all the comforts of civilization in the midst of some of the grandest scenes in the Rocky mountains.—Golden Era.

KAMLOOPS.

From the Inland Sentinel.

Capt. and Mrs. De Chasse, Miss Pooley and Miss Keefer have arrived in town from Victoria on a visit to Mr. W. J. Roper, of Cherry creek.

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ther of the opinion that the Kamloops board of trade should not interfere in a matter that did not concern them, as it might hinder them obtaining concessions from the C.P.R. C. S. Stevens thought the matter had better drop, as the application for the charter had been withdrawn. W. O. Miller thought it would be wise to continue the discussion, as no one got at a good understanding of the case. W. H. Whitaker agreed with Mr. Fulton in opposing the application for a charter, but he thought it would be best to defer further discussion until there was a fresh application made. He moved that the matter be discussed six months hence. This motion having been seconded, F. J. Deane, who had seconded Mr. Swanson's resolution favoring the Corbin charter, said he was quite in accord with the proposal to defer further consideration of the matter for the present. He, however, reiterated his former remarks in favor of the Corbin charter, expressing the opinion that British Columbians would have to devote very serious thought to the question of railroad competition. The motion to lay over the Corbin charter resolution for six months carried unanimously.

THE LOCAL NEWS.

A Month's Work.—During the four weeks ending April 28, there were treated at the Hall Mines smelter 2,086 tons of ore in 17 days and 3 hours smelting. The ore contained 35 tons of copper and 29,530 ounces of silver.

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HEARD IN THE HOTEL CORRIDORS.

David Bevan, L. M. Hunt of Tacoma, J. Rondell and Hobie Wrad, all of whom came down from Skagway on Sunday by the steamer Tees, are the Dominion. They report a recent stampede to Minnie Creek, from Skagway, only four miles from the Gateway city, although the electrifying report had not yet been confirmed when they came down. The rush to Wright Creek, they say, proved nothing more than the frequently originated tales to enable the transportation company to do a little extra business, while from the Atlin country the latest news was of still another blind stampede, led by Miss Simpson, a lady who formerly was engaged as a dressmaker by Dr. Spencer of this city. She was understood to have obtained a sure tip from Indians of diggings of fabulous richness, and when she started out one clear, moonlight night, believing herself alone, she discovered to her surprise that she was the head of a determined, well organized and very numerous band of prospectors. What the new creek may amount to has yet to be proved by developments. The "rushers" had not yet returned to Atlin City when the last pilgrims came out.

Mrs. R. Fraser of Union, who has been for some time past a patient at St. Joseph's hospital where she has undergone a critical operation, has now sufficiently recovered to proceed home. She spent yesterday as the guest of the Queen's, and will go to Union to-day.

James S. Bowden, David Williams, Steve Ovanch and Tazep Turgtch, miners who have made Nanaimo their home for some time past, are guests at the Queen's. It is their intention to try their luck in the Omnick gold country.

S. Roberts of Vancouver, formerly chief engineer of the R. M. S. Empress of India, is a guest at the Queen's. He is paying a visit of pleasure, purely, to Victoria, where he has a son residing—the chief engineer of the steamer Earl.

C. C. Lawrence and W. Peters of Chemainus are guests at the Queen's. After spending a few days here the two gentlemen go East on a pleasure tour that they have long promised themselves.

Chemainus is well represented at the Hotel Victoria, the recently arrived guests there including United States Consul J. S. and Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. E. J. Palmer, Miss Lyon and Miss Conway.

John and Robert Meek, two rich residents of Sacramento, are at the Queen's. They are returning to their California home after a brief but pleasant visit to British Columbia and the cities of Puget Sound.

Capt. Edward S. Wolley of the ship Sebastian Bach, and Capt. David Thompson of the British General are at the Victoria. Both of these ships are loading lumber at the Chemainus mills.

John Coleman and J. L. Gibson of Detroit, Mich., and J. R. McCready and George Young of Vancouver form a quartette of commercial men at the Hotel Victoria.

Marshal Bray, government agent at Nanaimo, arrived down by the noon train yesterday. He is at the Oriental.

Mrs. S. Flynn and Mrs. Shaw, both of Hespeler, Ont., are at the Dominion, on their way to California.

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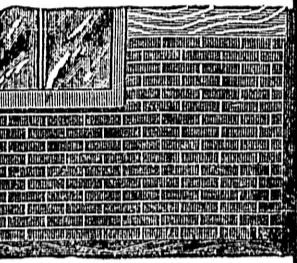
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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, May 8-8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.

Since yesterday another ocean storm area has crossed Northern British Columbia to Alberta, and is causing strong winds throughout this province and rain along the coast. The high area still hovers over Oregon. Owing to "wires" troubles, no reports have been received from the Territories, where yesterday a decided warning had set in.

TEMPERATURES.

	Mtn. Max.
Victoria	42 59
New Westminster	46 64
Kamloops	48 74
Barlowville	30 ..
Calgary	34 ..
Winnipeg	54 62
Portland, Ore.	46 64

FORECASTS

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time)
Tuesday, May 9.
Victoria and vicinity—Decreasing westerly
winds; fair; cool at night.
Lower Mainland—Westerly winds; mostly
fair; not much change in temperature.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, May 7.

Deg.	Deg.
5 a.m.	42 Mean.....48
Noon.....49 Highest.....54	
5 p.m.	52 Lowest.....42

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m.	8 miles west.
Noon.....	8 miles south.
5 p.m.	8 miles southeast.

Average state of weather—Fair.

Sunshine—6 hours 39 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed.....30.310

Corrected.....29.972

E. BAYNES REED,

Provincial Forecast Official.

PASSENGERS.

By steamer Geo. E. Starr from the Sound:

L. Goldberg. J. N. Mellor.
L. Goldberg. E. Powell.

W. Dobbs. Miss Dobbs.

Mrs. McLean. M. Rosenthal.

Mrs. McLean. E. H. Hoffman.

Miss Potts. Mrs. Kirkman.

D. Forrest. J. S. Judd.

Mrs. Forrest. Mrs. Judd.

Thos. Wold. Miss Russell.

Mrs. Wold. A. Dobbs.

Mrs. Arth. F. B. Hubbell.

Mrs. Smith. R. M. Miller.

J. Henderson. M. McGregor.

W. Smythe. G. E. Powell.

P. Douglas. Jno. J. Ritchie.

By steamer R. P. Rutherford from New West-

minster:

W. J. Thompson. J. Deaville. W. M. Robson.

W. Waynick. S. R. W. M. Robson.

J. A. Graham. U. D. Wong.

A. G. Graham. A. Henry.

M. H. McKinley. Mrs. J. Graham.

Mrs. J. Graham. Mrs. Dr. Gibb.

A. Stater. A. Stater.

R. Thompson. Mrs. Bortham.

H. Strouse. J. R. Raymond.

M. Mallory. A. E. Bull.

J. Marshall. G. H. Dawson.

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Major. Perry.

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AN OBLIGING OFFICIAL.

Gold Commissioner of Atlin Spoken Well of in the North.

C. E. Taylor, a recent arrival at Skagway from Atlin, is quoted as saying: "I had occasion to visit the office of the gold commissioner quite frequently. The office is crowded daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and every person receives the most courteous and respectful treatment. It is true that the claims on nearly every creek have jumped several times over, and when the locators clash the claim is laid over until the arrival of the judge, who is expected in June. Mr. Graham informs me he does not pretend to settle disputes, but simply preserve the claim intact until the settlement of the controversy by the judge."

"On Spruce and Pine creeks active mining is being prosecuted, where there is no dispute as to the ownership. Eventually the original locator will be put in possession of his rightful property."

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is raised, and (2) such representation at Ottawa as British Columbia's wealth and increasing population warrants.

Hard work, and hard facts, are the things which count in this world, and Senator Macdonald produced the hard facts, the result of hard work, in an invaluable comparative statement, of tonnage imported and exported, of duties, and of revenues, produced by the different provinces.

Here is British Columbia's revenue for 1898:

Customs' duty	\$2,213,593
Indust Revenue	423,792
Post-office revenue	269,121
Fishery revenue	47,864
Chinese tax	81,152

Total \$3,035,522

Now, this means an increase of nearly a million and a quarter in two years, and demonstrates the rapid growth and expansion of the province, whilst the figures given by the senator in connection with tonnage at our ports, show that the province does with its four ports of Victoria, Vancouver, Nanaimo and Comox, a business of 3,713,884 tons as compared to 3,247,400 for Quebec and Montreal. This looks as if British Columbia was growing with such rapidity, that bodies of more importance even than the government of the day, might stay to consider her future.

She is not insignificant. Her worst misfortune perhaps is that two-thirds of her representatives are.

It would be folly to let party feeling carry one so far as to attribute wickedness to such men as Messrs. Bostock and Morrison. You might as well ascribe intoxicating influence to milk, but it is absolutely hopeless to expect that British Columbia will ever get her share of influence in the counsels of the country whilst represented by a band of innocent young clowns on the back benches.

7. If any freight was carried by this company for the government, what became of it?

8. Did this company carry any of this freight to Fort Selkirk?

9. Did this company guarantee delivery of freight at Fort Selkirk on or before a certain date, and, if so, what was the date?

10. To what extent, if any, was the contract performed by the company?

The Minister of Militia and Defense (Mr. Borden) 1 and 2—The government is aware that a receiver has been appointed for the Boston and Alaskan Transportation Co., but has no knowledge of the alleged statement referred to in the question. 3 and 4. No payment has been made. 5. No amount will be paid until all the goods are delivered in good order. 6. Yes. 7 and 8. More than half the freight has been delivered at Fort Selkirk. The balance is stored in a warehouse at Circle City. 9. The goods were to have been delivered on or before August 31st last. 10. This is answered by reply to Nos. 7 and 8.

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS.

Colonel Prior Asks for Information on Several Interesting Subjects.

Below are given some questions put to the government by Colonel Prior, M.P., and the replies. They are of very considerable local interest:

BOSTON AND ALASKA TRANSPORTATION COMPANY.

Mr. E. G. Prior asked:

1. Is the government aware that the Boston and Alaskan Transportation Co., of Seattle, Washington Territory, U.S.A., is in liquidation, and that in a state of its assets filed in court is the following: "Canadian government contract of \$154,000, on which \$60,000 has been paid, leaving a balance of \$94,000?"

2. To what contract does this relate?

3. What services were rendered by the company for which any payment was made, if made?

4. Has the government paid any amount, and, if so, how much, to the said company, and when?

5. Is any further amount payable by the government to the company, and, if so, how much, and for what services, if any?

6. Is this the company referred to by the Honorable the minister of militia and defence, on May 13th, 1898, in the House of Commons, when he said: "The Boston and Alaskan Transportation Co., us I sail before, are carrying 250 tons of freight to Fort Selkirk for the government of Canada?"

7. If any freight was carried by this company for the government, what became of it?

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MR. F. C. WADE.

Mr. E. G. Prior asked:

1. What official positions have been held by F. C. Wade, Esq., in the service of the government since July, 1898?

2. How much public money, if any, has been paid to him, and on what account?

3. Is he now in the employment or service of the government, and if so, in what capacity?

4. Has he held any of the following positions in the Yukon territory, viz., (a)

Dominion lands agent, (b) crown prosecutor, (c) registrar of lands, (d) clerk of the court; and if so, which, and for what periods?

5. Was he accustomed to advise Mr. Fawcett, the gold commissioner or mining recorder, respecting the recording of mining claims or duties of his office?

6. What travelling expenses, if any, have been allowed or paid to Mr. Wade, and on what occasions and at what periods?

7. Was Mr. Wade authorized by the Minister of the Interior (Mr. Sifton) 1, Land registrar of Yukon district, clerk of the court and crown prosecutor. He was a legal advisor to the council, but never acted in that capacity. 2, \$2,081.82 on account of salary; \$550 on account of expenses; \$500 on account of clerical assistance; total, \$3,131.82. 3. Yes, as crown prosecutor. 4. In addition to the positions mentioned above, Mr. Wade acted as Dominion lands agent at the request of Mr. Fawcett, although he had not been so appointed by the department. Mr. Wade held the said positions, except that of legal advisor, during the time he was in Dawson City, from his arrival on or about March 20, 1898, to his departure in the early part of August in the same year. 5. The department has no information to the effect that Mr. Wade was accustomed to advise Mr. Fawcett respecting the recording of mining claims or duties of his office. It was no part of Mr. Wade's duty to so advise Mr